In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as set forth below.

On page 4 at line 15 :

"Figures 2 and 3 are side views of the flexible pressure plate of the present inventions, 10, incorporated with an extending paddle type lumbar support. Housing, 30 is affixed to the seat frame (not shown) by any o a variety of conventional means, such as a back plate, 34. (The housing, 30, is cut away in Figures 2 and 3.) From housing, 30, projects paddle, 32, which is arcuate in shape in order to achieve an extending motion towards the seat occupant upon movement of paddle, 32, outwards from housing, 30. Paddle, 32, extends out from housing, 30, projecting pressure surface, 33, out to support a passenger's lumbar spine. Paddle, 32, retracts back into its channel, 29, in housing, 30, to reduce lumbar support."

On page 4 at line 22 after the sentence stating "fixation is had is by conventional means at 22." Please add the following:

"Actuating traction is typically by means of a cable, 36, anchored in housing, 38. Traction may also be applied by any of the following elements: a wire, a bowden cable, a hard drawn wire, a pin, a rod, a bracket and/or a spoke. Communication between the extending element 32, and the actuator may also be via a piston, a screw, a rocker, a racket, a pin, a can, a lever or a cantilever.

Actuation may be achieved by a hydraulic device, a pneumatic device, a bowden cable, electric motor, or a mechanical device. Each of these actuation means, communication means and elements are well known to those skilled in the art."

Figure 4 is a bottom view of the flexible pressure plate, 10, installed on a push paddle, 32. The visible underside of push paddle, 32, depicts a series of ridges molded or stamped into the paddle to add rigidity to the portion of the paddle that slides in and out of channel, 29, in housing, 30. These ridges taper a flat surface at pressure surface ent, 33. The ridges also engage guide bosses 27 that define the channel, 29, within housing, 30.